IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.BALAKRISHNAN NAIR

FRIDAY, THE 7TH DECEMBER 2007 / 16TH AGRAHAYANA 1929

WP(C).No. 1513 of 2005(E)

PETITIONER:

JACOB GEORGE MUTHALAI,
S/O. LATE M.J.GEORGE MUTHALAI, AGED 40 YEARS,
MALAYIL HOUSE, PERUNGALAM P.O., VIA. ARUMALLOORE,
KOLLAM DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.SHAJI P.CHALY

RESPONDENTS:

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1. **STATE OF KERALA,**
   REPRESENTED BY CHIEF SECRETARY,
   SECRETARIAT, TRIVANDRUM.

2. **THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, KOLLAM.**

3. **THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,**
   KOLLAM DISTRICT.

4. **THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER,**
   KOLLAM DISTRICT.

5. **THE TAHSILDAR, KOLLAM DISTRICT.**

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI. R. LAKSHMI NARAYANAN

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING BEEN FINALLY HEARD ON 07/12/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

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APPENDIX

PETITIONER'S EXHIBIT:

EXT.P1; COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION SUBMITTED BY THE PETITIONER BEFORE RESPONDENTS DTD. 19/10/04.

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P.S.TO JUDGE

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K.BALAKRISHNAN NAIR, J.

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JUDGMENT

The petitioner has approached this Court, praying for a direction to the respondents to consider Ext.P1 representation and to take action against the illegal and unauthorised removal of sand from the Kallada river. Ext.P1 is a representation filed before the District Collector, Kollam, praying to prevent unauthorised sand mining from the Kallada river. In the writ petition the 2nd respondent District Collector has filed a counter affidavit, in which it is submitted as follows:

> "Sand removal is a major issue affecting a group of inhabitants including the petitioner on both sides of Kallada River. In view of this, the District Administration have taken all possible measures to put an end to the unauthorised sand removal. Police patrolling is also being done covering all problem areas. Several boats which are involved in sand removal are being seized by the police and fined. The District Administration will continue action to stop the illegal sand removal as far as possible. Special squads of Revenue/Police and Geology have been formed with Tahsildar as Convenor and the squad is conducting action against illegal sand mining."

The above submission is recorded and the writ petition is disposed of.

7th December, 2007. **K.BALAKRISHNAN NAIR, JUDGE.**

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